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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 17-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Riva et al. US # 6,556,886.

With respect to the independent claims 1, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31 and 32, Riva et al. disclose a method and device for controlling a machine tool with a help of a control device 20. Wherein, control device 20 controls at least one tool for performing the number of machining processes under direction of a control program. Wherein the data for describing a tool is stored in the memories 24 and 25, a standard tool data (V1, V2), and a specific tool data (R1, R2). The tool description in control program is obtained by linking with the specific tool data. The machining tool specific information is including basic tool geometry, basic tool shape, and the tool type. Wherein the specific information reads on applicants "supplementary data" as a part of at least one database. The input interface for machining program is described in Riva et al. as the input from machine operator who is able to utilize the existing abstract tool description and supplement it with and supplement it with only those control inputs related to the specific tool data. Riva et al. teach an intelligent data generator that automatically determines the sequence of the technology and process parameters of

individual work steps of particular machining job on the basis of the abstract tool data together with the geometrical and machining contour data and process parameter sets available in database.

With respect to dependent claim 24, 29 and 30 Riva et al. teach in Fig. 3 data structure organized in form of table.

No such process could be performed without input interface for machining process, database interface for access to the specific "supplemental" data.

Hence, the claimed limitations of provided application mostly inherent to the prior art by Riva et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rita Leykin whose telephone number is (571)272-2066. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on (571)272-2107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita Leykin", written in a cursive style.